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E.O. 11652: NA
TAGS: ENRG, SENV, CA
SUBJECT: BEAUFORT SEA DRILLING AUTHORITY GRANTED

1. EXTAFF USA DIVISION OFFICIAL TELEPHONED EMBOFF TODAY
TO INFORM THAT CABINET HAD REACHED DECISION TO AUTHORIZE
THREE-YEAR DRILLING PROGRAM IN BEAUFORT SEA BY DOME
PETROLEUM. AUTHORITY WOULD BE SUBJECT TO ANNUAL REPORTING
TO CABINET BY MINISTER OF INDIAN AND NORTHERN AFFAIRS.
CABINET WOULD BE ABLE TO STOP DRILLING AT ANY POINT IF
CIRCUMSTANCES SO REQUIRED.

2. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF DECISION IS BEING DELAYED
UNTIL USG IS OFFICIALLY NOTIFIED BY DIPLOMATIC NOTE.
OFFICIAL HOPED TO HAVE NOTE DELIVERED WITHIN NEXT SEVERAL
DAYS. EMBASSY WILL CABLE TEXT UPON RECEIPT.

3. COMMENT: CABINET DECISION IS NOT SURPRISING. NO ONE
EXPECTED GOC TO REFUSE DRILLING AUTHORITY; MAIN QUESTION
WAS LONGEVITY OF DRILLING AUTHORITY, WITH SOME APPARENTLY
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URGING IT BE FOR ONE YEAR ONLY. HOWEVER, AS SENIOR DINA
OFFICIAL TOLD DCM AND EMBOFF, SITUATION HAD NOT CHANGED
ENOUGH (I.E., ENERGY NEEDS AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS
HAVE NOT CHANGED) TO JUSTIFY HOLDING TIGHTER REIN.

4. DINA OFFICIAL MADE ADDITIONAL COMMENT THAT DOME
PETROLEUM IS URGING CONSTRUCTION OF CLASS 10 ICEBREAKER

TO BE USED IN BEAUFORT SEA, THUS PERMITTING YEAR-ROUND
DRILLING. IN FACT, PRESENCE OF ICEBREAKER COULD BECOME
SAFETY REQUIREMENT FOR FUTURE DRILLING OPERATIONS, SO THAT
CAPABILITY WOULD ALWAYS EXIST TO DRILL RELIEF WELL. HE
SUGGESTED ICEBREAKER COULD BE BUILT BY 1980. ENDERS

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